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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7047**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 277

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 30, 2003

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Campaign Finance Reports.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Simpson

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill requires a candidate for a state office to file quarterly campaign finance reports for years in which there is not an election for the state office.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2004.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *Summary:* The provision could potentially require the Indiana Election Division to process four times the amount of campaign finance reports in nonelection years for state offices than under current law. State offices include: Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor of State, Treasurer of State, Attorney General, Justice of the Supreme Court, Judge of the Appellate Court, Judge of the Tax Court, and Clerk of the Supreme Court. This provision should have a minimal impact on state expenditures.

*Background:* Under current law, campaign committee treasurers are required to file a single campaign finance report in nonelection years. Current annual reports must be complete as of December 31 of the previous year and cover the period since the previously filed report.

As of December 2003, the Election Commission had 13 staff positions. Three positions: a systems analyst, an unclassified executive position, and a Governor's fellow were vacant. The other 10 positions included two attorneys, two field auditors, two unclassified executive positions, two program coordinators, and two administrative personnel. The Election Commission reverted \$221,315 back to the state General Fund at the end of FY 2003.

The Election Division was appropriated \$798,806 in FY 2003. Total expenditures during FY 2003 were

estimated at \$761,251. The Election Division was appropriated \$794,571 in FY 2004 and \$725,571 in FY 2005.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Indiana Election Division.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** *State of Indiana HRM Detail Staffing Report, 12/03/03*; State Budget Agency: *FY2003 General and Rainy Day Fund Summaries*, BUDSTARS.

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